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PMG Saville made known that the Coronation commem will have no further sale after the close of business December 31.

## Another Supplement For Vienna Catalog

The 27th supplement to the Vienna Postage Stamp Catalog has just been received by Otto Wlaschim, 55 Nagle Ave., New York 34, N. Y. who is the United States agent.

This current addition has pages for Germany's Anglo-American Zone, the Russian Zone, West Berlin and the Saar mandate; Italy, Romania, and the revised pages for Switzerland from the beginning to 1949.

Language of the Vienna Catalog is German, pricing is in Austrian Schillings. Illustrations are good while each issue is accompanied with informative text such as the first day of issue, how printed and the occasion for the issuance.

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## An Active Field With Many Fans Who Collect, Buy And Sell The World's Revenues

Alfred D. Schoch

Some stampologists appreciate the philatelic attraction of foreign revenues but shy at forming a collection or stock of them for fear they would fare badly when they want to sell. Their beliefs, however, are not well founded in regard to the supposed superiority of postage stamps. Their chances with postage stamps would be no better, as they can verify by taking their album and stock books under their arms and making the rounds of some of the dealers.

People are usually credulous if not gullible as to possibilities for easy money in any stamps. The monetary side of stamp collecting becomes so large in their eyes that aircastles are built up which later on are destined to crumble and topple. You must know that stamp dealers buy the stamps at wholesale prices and sell them at retail with a legitimate profit added.

Several years later these dealers can't be expected to buy them back at two or three times their former selling price. If anything like that were possible, dealers would hold them for the rise themselves!

It is true that some collectors make money in their philatelic activities, but they are not the majority. The few who profit are shrewd and well informed people who know what they are doing. They usually have the qualifications needed for successful speculation or investment in any other line. They have horsetrading ability, and don't put their money into cheap stamps bought in mixtures, packets or from "penny approvals." When a collection is offered to a dealer for sale, it is common practice for him to estimate the immediate value to him of the best stamps and leave out considerably.

The schoolboy collector goes from the sublime to the ridiculous when he buys a postage stamp for his collection for a cent and imagines he is showing speculative ability and has made a sound investment in an article of value. We can salute it as a truly great thing for philately to achieve such a tremendous psychic effect in any human being's mind on such a slender capital resource and bow our heads in silent admiration. But usually nothing will come of it later.

### Postage versus Revenues

Ready-made mounted collections of postage stamps containing 30,000 different varieties, guaranteed to contain no revenues, can be bought at a price of about 1 cent per stamp. The same number of revenues of the world are worth considerably more. This is a good example where the supposed monetary advantage of postage stamps over revenues breaks down.

The great bulk of readily obtainable postage stamps are not entitled to nearly so much veneration as "valuable property." The situation in marketing a collection is no better than the prospects for revenue stamps. The real benefit of collecting stamps is not financial but lies rather in the direction of the individual's entertainment, training and culture, the widening of his knowledge, interests and outlook. These can just as well be obtained from revenue collecting as from postage collecting.

If you ever have a large quantity of foreign revenue stamps in bulk for disposal, you can figure they are at least as much per thousand as the same quantity of mixed postage stamps of the same country. For some countries the revenues will be worth more than if they were postage stamps of the same country!

### Selling Revenues

If you have a very small collection of revenue stamps for sale, just a few hundred varieties, it would be well not to offer it to a

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## HPO System Has Stop, Two Starts

One less HPO route is forecast by Virgil J. Geary, secretary of the National Highway Post Office Society. The JACK & GREENADA H.P.O. (Jackson, Tenn., and Grenada, Miss.) established December 5, 1949 will be discontinued January 3 unless granted another reprieve.

It was scheduled to stop December 3 but was given a 30 day extension probably to help facilitate holiday mail.

Last day covers will be possible. Prepared envelopes to be sent to "Clerk in Charge, on duty January 3, 1954, c/o each Terminal (Jackson and Grenada)" for cancellation on last runs of trains.

Offsetting the one loss will be the inaugural runs of two new routes on January 11 or shortly thereafter. They are:

Sioux Falls, S. D. and Philips, S. D.

Envelopes bearing a name and address, kept to the right side, a 3c stamp and enclosing a stuffer are to be sent to the Postmasters of each terminal city for service. A short note accompanying should carry the request for service.

In the case where Sioux City is the terminal city on two routes, it is suggested that packages of covers be carefully marked and mailed a couple of days apart.

## Topical Branch For Boston Collectors

Efforts are under way to form a branch chapter of the American Topical Association in the Boston, Mass. area. This group would be for stamp collectors who are interested in topical stamp collecting, and for those who might wish to start such a collection, including beginning collectors.

Information is available from Harvey C. Smith, 6 Garrison St. (Ap. 6) Boston 16, Mass.

Information on the American Topical Association is available from Allyn H. Wright, 469 W. 168th St., New York 32, N. Y., who invites other collectors interested in forming chapters in their communities to write to him.

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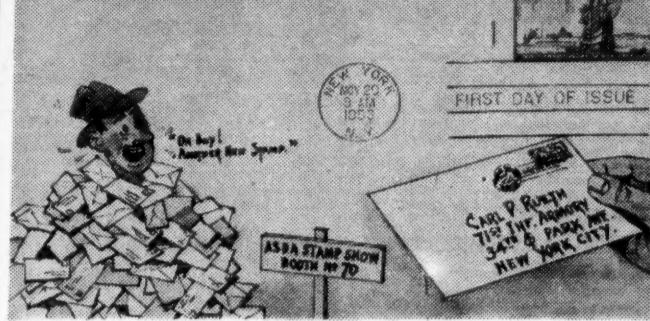
Commemoratives

Select what you need

Scott #	Sgl.	Blk.
907 2c United Nat.	.15	.20
908 1c U. N.	.03	.12
909 Poland	.16	.60
910 Czech	.11	.44
911 Norway	.09	.36
912 Luxembourg	.09	.36
913 Netherlands	.09	.36
914 Belgium	.09	.36
915 France	.09	.36
916 Greece	.14	.56
917 Jug	.11	.44
918 Albania	.14	.56
919 Austria	.11	.44
920 Denmark	.14	.56
921 Korea	.17	.65
922 Railroad	.07	.28
923 Steamship	.07	.28
924 Telegraph	.07	.28
925 Corregidor	.09	.36
926 Movie	.07	.28
927 Florida	.06	.24
928 Conference	.09	.36
929 Iwo Jima	.06	.24
930 Roosevelt	.03	.12
931 Roosevelt	.05	.20
932 Roosevelt	.05	.20
933 Roosevelt	.07	.28
934 Army	.05	.20
935 Navy	.05	.20
936 Coast Guard	.05	.20
937 Al Smith	.06	.24
938 Texas	.06	.24
939 Merchant Marine	.06	.24
940 Discharge	.06	.24
941 Tennessee	.06	.24
942 Iowa	.06	.24
943 Smithsonian	.06	.24
944 New Mexico	.06	.24
945 Edison	.06	.24
946 Pulitzer	.06	.24
947 Centenary	.06	.24
948 Cipex	.25	
949 Doctor	.06	.24
950 Utah	.06	.24
951 Constitution	.06	.24
952 Everglades	.06	.24
953 Carver	.05	.20
954 Gold Dis.	.05	.20
955 Mississippi	.05	.20
956 4 Chaplains	.05	.20
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SEEMS TO COVER EVERYTHING! This hand drawn, hand painted first day cover of the New York City commem is the work of a rather skillful cover collector of Columbus, Ohio. The cachet and address speaks for itself for it was directed to Mr. Rueh at the Linn's Weekly Stamp News Booth at the recent ASDA Show in New York City.



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## SYCAMORE, OHIO

A new OHIO town. This I believe is in the Tiffin area. User unknown. Values seen are 1c and 2c Presidents. Type U-120n.

## NEW JERSEY ROUNDUP

The annual Roundup of the North Jersey Precancel Club will be held January 24 (1954) at The Public Service, Gas and Electric Co., 80 Park Place, Newark. The meeting will be held in the Recreation room on the second floor. Hours from 10 till 7. This location is just two blocks from the Pennsylvania station. Contact Leonard G. Riley, 14 Ruth St., Irvington, N.J. for further details.

## Precancelled Envelopes.

In one of the journals our attention was called to the purchase of a large collection and stock of precancelled envelopes by Fred Allen of New Rochelle, N.Y. It is Mr. Allen's intention as we understand it to transform this stock to cut square size (possibly 2 x 4) and popularize this form of collecting. Possibly bring out an album for the cut down sizes. This will be a very interesting matter to watch because if accomplished will be one of the few times ever such a thing has been carried through.

Sensible as it is, it seems that it is on a par with the movement to remove gum from old U.S. stamps. Everybody agrees it should be done but no one will take the step to do it. You will remember several times when speaking about precancelled envelopes we cautioned collectors to keep them entire. Well here seems to be a man who thinks differently and is bold enough to take a forward step. We hope he succeeds.

## New Herm Commemms Late This Month

A new issue of postage stamps is forecast for New Herm Island by the end of this month by William Rowcroft, Jr. of South Ozon Park, N.Y. While of a local nature only, the Herm issues have been gathered by numerous collectors.

The printing of but 20,000 complete sets will consist of denominations of 4 doubles, 8 doubles, 2d.

## EVERYTHING HAS ITS' MARKET

That is as true a statement as was ever written but only if you can find the market. A precancel dealer is not usually the logical buyer for stamped covers nor is a British dealer usually the logical buyer for a collection of Christmas Seals. The logical buyer is the one who is in the middle of the market. That means for everything philatelic from first day covers to last day covers, from mint United States plate blocks to just used blocks, from a collection of plated varieties to ten million used bundled commemoratives. Who is he? As modestly as possible we say he is us right here at friendly Hayes Lake. He is us because we handle a greater variety of philatelic material in small and large units yearly than most folks see in a lifetime. Our weekly lists offering hundreds of individual pieces, accumulations, whole and part collections are eagerly awaited by thousands of dealers and those who are always seeking unusual items.

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## Israel's Issues Get Objective Scanning

An interesting review of the postage stamps of Israel is to be found in the November 5, 1953 edition of "The American Zionist," published at 41 E. 42nd St., New York 17, N.Y. at 25¢ per copy.

It is titled "The Romance of Israel's Stamps." Author is Harold U. Ribalow who apparently is not himself a collector but who had his manuscript checked by someone who is, or who did some more than ordinary research on the subject.

According to Sherwin Podolsky of Chicago, the article considers Israel's stamps from an objective viewpoint. The symbolism of the designs and the historical background are discussed.

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860	2c Cooper	.....	.17	.14	.04	.03
861	3c Emerson	.....	.30	.25	.07	.02
862	4c Lincoln	.....	.56	.35	.09	.02
863	1c Clemens	.....	.15	.10	.03	.01
864	1c Longfellow	.....	.24	.18	.07	.02
865	2c Whittier	.....	.20	.17	.06	.02
866	3c Lowell	.....	.70	.40	.10	.02
867	5c Whitman	.....	1.10	.40	.10	.02
868	10c Riley	.....	6.50	3.20	.80	.02
869	1c Mann	.....	.22	.20	.05	.02
870	2c Hopkins	.....	.24	.20	.05	.02
871	3c Eliot	.....	.75	.70	.17	.02
872	5c Whistler	.....	1.00	.47	.12	.02
873	10c T. Wash	.....	3.00	1.80	.40	.15
874	1c Audubon	.....	.16	.11	.03	.02
875	2c Long	.....	.20	.17	.06	.02
876	3c Burbank	.....	.24	.21	.06	.02
877	5c Reed	.....	.66	.35	.09	.02
878	10c Addams	.....	3.35	1.60	.36	.15
879	1c Foster	.....	.16	.11	.03	.02
880	2c Sousa	.....	.19	.17	.05	.02
881	3c Herbert	.....	.30	.30	.07	.02
882	5c MacDowell	.....	4.50	2.95	.75	.14
883	10c Stuart	.....	.14	.12	.03	.02
884	2c Whistler	.....	.17	.16	.04	.02
885	3c St. Gaudens	.....	.24	.20	.05	.02
886	5c French	.....	1.10	.40	.10	.02
887	10c Remington	.....	5.00	1.60	.42	.15
888	1c Whitney	.....	.44	.24	.06	.02
889	2c Morse	.....	.21	.17	.05	.02
890	3c McCormick	.....	.40	.33	.09	.02
891	5c Howe	.....	1.95	1.50	.32	.07
892	10c Bell	.....	9.20	7.00	1.75	.21
893	10c set (35)	.....	43.50	23.00	5.75	1.50

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PMG Saville made known that the Coronation commem will have no further sale after the close of business December 31.

## Another Supplement For Vienna Catalog

The 27th supplement to the Vienna Postage Stamp Catalog has just been received by Otto Wlaschim, 55 Nagle Ave., New York 34, N. Y. who is the United States agent.

This current addition has pages for Germany's Anglo-American Zone, the Russian Zone, West Berlin and the Saar mandate; Italy, Romania, and the revised pages for Switzerland from the beginning to 1949.

Language of the Vienna Catalog is German, pricing is in Austrian Schillings. Illustrations are good while each issue is accompanied with informative text such as the first day of issue, how printed and the occasion for the issuance.

Pages are punched for a two-ring binder. Other supplements and the full catalog can be gotten from Mr. Wlaschim.

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## An Active Field With Many Fans Who Collect, Buy And Sell The World's Revenues

Alfred D. Schoch

Some stampologists appreciate the philatelic attraction of foreign revenues but shy at forming a collection or stock of them for fear they would fare badly when they want to sell. Their beliefs, however, are not well founded in regard to the supposed superiority of postage stamps. Their chances with postage stamps would be no better, as they can verify by taking their album and stock books under their arms and making the rounds of some of the dealers.

People are usually credulous if not gullible as to possibilities for easy money in any stamps. The monetary side of stamp collecting becomes so large in their eyes that aircastles are built up which later on are destined to crumble and topple. You must know that stamp dealers buy the stamps at wholesale prices and sell them at retail with a legitimate profit added.

Several years later these dealers can't be expected to buy them back at two or three times their former selling price. If anything like that were possible, dealers would hold them for the rise themselves!

It is true that some collectors make money in their philatelic activities, but they are not the majority. The few who profit are shrewd and well informed people who know what they are doing. They usually have the qualifications needed for successful speculation or investment in any other line. They have horsetrading ability, and don't put their money into cheap stamps bought in mixtures, packets or from "penny approvals." When a collection is offered to a dealer for sale, it is common practice for him to estimate the immediate value to him of the best stamps and leave out consideration of the rest almost entirely.

The schoolboy collector goes from the sublime to the ridiculous when he buys a postage stamp for his collection for a cent and imagines he is showing speculative ability and has made a sound investment in an article of value. We can salute it as a truly great thing for philately to achieve such a tremendous psychic effect in any human being's mind on such a slender capital resource and bow our heads in silent admiration. But usually nothing will come of it later.

### Postage versus Revenues

Ready-made mounted collections of postage stamps containing 30,000 different varieties, guaranteed to contain no revenues, can be bought at a price of about 1 cent per stamp. The same number of revenues of the world are worth considerably more. This is a good example where the supposed monetary advantage of postage stamps over revenues breaks down.

The great bulk of readily obtainable postage stamps are not entitled to nearly so much veneration as "valuable property." The situation in marketing a collection is no better than the prospects for revenue stamps. The real benefit of collecting stamps is not financial but lies rather in the direction of the individual's entertainment, training and culture, the widening of his knowledge, interests and outlook. These can just as well be obtained from revenue collecting as from postage collecting.

If you ever have a large quantity of foreign revenue stamps in bulk for disposal, you can figure they are at least as much per thousand as the same quantity of mixed postage stamps of the same country. For some countries the revenues will be worth more than if they were postage stamps of the same country!

### Selling Revenues

If you have a very small collection of revenue stamps for sale, just a few hundred varieties, it would be well not to offer it to a (Continued on Page 8)

## HPO System Has Stop, Two Starts

One less HPO route is forecast by Virgil J. Geary, secretary of the National Highway Post Office Society. The JACK & GRENADA H.P.O. (Jackson, Tenn. and Grenada, Miss.) established December 5, 1949 will be discontinued January 3 unless granted another reprieve.

It was scheduled to stop December 3 but was given a 30 day extension probably to help facilitate holiday mail.

Last day covers will be possible. Prepared envelopes to be sent to "Clerk in Charge, on duty January 3, 1954, c/o each Terminal (Jackson and Grenada)" for cancellation on last runs of Trips 1 and 2.

Offsetting the one loss will be the inaugural runs of two new routes on January 11 or shortly thereafter. They are:

**Sioux Falls, S. D. and Philips, S.D.**

Envelopes bearing a name and address, kept to the right side, a 3c stamp and enclosing a stuffer are to be sent to the Postmasters of each terminal city for service. A short note accompanying should carry the request for service.

In the case where Sioux City is the terminal city on two routes, it is suggested that packages of covers be carefully marked and mailed a couple of days apart.

## Topical Branch For Boston Collectors

Efforts are under way to form a branch chapter of the American Topical Association in the Boston, Mass. area. This group would be for stamp collectors who are interested in topical stamp collecting, and for those who might wish to start such a collection, including beginning collectors.

Information is available from Harvey C. Smith, 6 Garrison St. (Apt. 6) Boston 16, Mass.

Information on the American Topical Association is available from Allyn H. Wright, 469 W. 166th St., New York 32, N. Y., who invites other collectors interested in forming chapters in their communities to write to him.



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1c Black	.03	.02	185 10c Deep Green	.03	.02	390	90c Dark Brown. Verdun	.06	675	15f. Brown. De Tassigny	.06
1c Gray	.06	.02	185a 10c Light Green	.04	.02	391	90c Carmine on Blue. Pau	.06	676	12f. Black. Gate of France	.07
1c Pale Gray	.15	.02	186 15c Deep Green	.06	.02	392	70c Black on Blue. Languedoc	.04	677	30f. Ultramarine. Narvik	.20
2c Lilac Brown	.04	.02	186a 15c Green	.06	.03	393	90c Gray Brown Lyons	.06	678	20f. Violet. Chambord	.10
2c Violet Brown	.03	.02	187 20c Green	.06	.02	394	50f. Ultramarine. Guyemer	.50	679	30f. Green. European Council	.30
3c Red	.04	.02	188 30c Red	.07	.02	394a	50f. Thick paper	.65	680	30f. Carmine Brown. Bir-Hakeim	.20
3c Vermilion	.06	.03	189 30c Green	.04	.03	395	70c Brown earth. Strasbourg	.07	674	15f. Vermilion. St. Croix	.10
4c Brown	.05	.02	190 45c Red	.10	.06	395-97	Surch. on Ceres. (3)	.10	675	15f. Military Medal	.07
4c Brown	.06	.03	191 50c Blue	.10	.03	396	On Sower and Peace	.20	676	15f. Green. Giaour. Vladic	.07
4c Brown	.06	.03	191a 50c Deep Blue	.15	.03	397	On pictorials. (4)	.40	678	20f. Blue. Leonardo da Vinci	.10
5c Green	.04	.02	192 75c Blue	.10	.03	400-11	On pictorials. (4)	.40	679	12f. Violet. Brown. Versailles	.07
5c Green	.05	.02	193 90c Red	.35	.10	412	On 75c. Ader. Thick paper	.65	680	30f. Black & Lilac. High Fashions	.14
5c Yellow Green	.15	.03	194 10c Red	.35	.10	413-16	10f. Lilac & Rose. Gargantua	.04	681	18f. Lilac & Brown. Hernani	.09
5c Blue Green	.15	.03	195 125f. Dark Blue	.35	.25	417	15f. Brown. Carmine. Leclerc	.04	682	12f. Carm. & Blue. Bicycle Race	.04
5c Blue Green	.15	.03	196 150f. Blue	.26	.02	418	15f. Coat of Arms. (4)	.06	683	8f. Black & Blue. Cellimene	.04
<b>Type II Rotary Press</b>											
10c Black	.02	.02	197 1f. Philatelic Congress	.75		418a	5f. Black Brown	.15	684	12f. Slate Green & Brown. Figaro	.06
10c Red Brown	.02	.02	198-201 Olympic Games	.75		419	10f. Violet. Angers	.10	685	Coat of Arms (2)	.03
2c Brown Lake	.25	.10	219 75c Blue on Bluish. Ronsard	.10	.10	419a	10f. Re entry. Numerals doubled	.50			
3c Red	.15	.25	219a 75c Pale Blue on Bluish	.15		420	20f. brownish black. Auvergne	.20			
4c Brown	.05	.02	220-25 Decorative Arts Issue	.35	.30	420a	20f. Grayish Brown. Redrawn	.20			
4c Brown	.06	.03	226 Paris Souvenir Sheet	13.50		420b	20f. Numerals Redrawn	.75			
5c Green	.03	.02	226b 5f. Red. Small Stamp	3.00		421	15f. Carmine Brown. Beaune	.15			
7½c precancel	.06	.02	422 5f. Dark			421a	15f. Rose Brown	.35			
10c Lilac	.06		424a 90c & 1.50 American Legion	.15	.15	422	20f. to 4.50f. Petain. 19 values	.35			
<b>1900-1901 Designed by Mouchon</b>											
Note: Usual Bad Centering											
Type I Printed in One Operation											
10c Rose Red	.40	.02	424b 1.50f. Dark Ultramarine	.15		427-47	20c to 4.50f. Petain. 19 values	.35			
15c Orange	.10	.02	424c 50c Blue	.15		427-47	Same. 30 val. shades and paper varieties	.60			
15c Pale Red	.15	.02	424d 50c Dull Blue	.15		428-56	4f. to 40f. Engraved. (3)	.10			
25c Blue	.20	.03	424e 50c Dull Blue	.15		428-56	5f. Grayish Black. Petain	.40			
<b>Type II Numerals Printed Separately</b>											
10c Rose Red	.50	.10	424f 50c Dull Blue	.15		429	4f. Greenish Blue. Massenet	.05			
20c Brown Violet	.70	.30	424g 50c Dull Blue	.15		429	4f. Brown & Car. Sternsahl	.05			
25c Blue	.25	.06	424h 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	4f. Brown & Vermilion	.06			
30c Violet	.90	.30	424i 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	4f. Blue. Blondel	.06			
<b>1900-1927 Designed by Merson</b>											
Average Centering											
40c Pale Red & Blue	.15	.02	424j 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	10f. Green. Arras	.10			
40c Red & Blue	.15	.02	424k 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	10f. to 20f. Coat of Arms	.40			
45c Green and Blue	.30	.04	424l 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	4f. Ultramarine. Lavoisier	.04			
45c Yellow, Green and Blue	.30	.02	424m 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	4f. Dark Blue. Beaune	.12			
45c Olive Green & Blue	.50	.10	424n 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	4f. Light Blue	.06			
50c Bistre & Gray	.15	.02	424o 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	4f. Ultramarine	.04			
50c Brown & Gray	.30	.04	424p 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	15f. Gray Green. Poer car	.02			
50c Brown & Gray	.30	.02	424q 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	15f. Dark Brown. Cheneceaux	.15			
50c Gray Violet & Ultra	.50	.03	424r 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	4f. Ultramarine. Chappé	.04			
50c Brown & Olive	.50	.02	424s 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	10c to 20f. Coat of Arms	.60			
50c Brown & Olive	.50	.02	424t 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	15f. Gray. Blue. Poer car	.02			
50c Deep Brown & Gray	.30	.04	424u 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	15f. Gray. Green. Poer car	.02			
50c Dark Brown & Gray	.30	.02	424v 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	15f. Gray. Green. Poer car	.02			
50c Dark Brown & Gray	.30	.02	424w 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	15f. Gray. Green. Poer car	.02			
50c Dark Brown & Gray	.30	.02	424x 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	15f. Gray. Green. Poer car	.02			
50c Dark Brown & Gray	.30	.02	424y 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	15f. Gray. Green. Poer car	.02			
50c Dark Brown & Gray	.30	.02	424z 50c Dull Blue	.15		430	15f. Gray. Green. Poer car	.02			
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3f. Brown. Type IV	1.25		427g 3f. Brown. Type V	1.25		430	15f. Gray. Green. Poer car	.02			
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3f. Brown. Type X	1.25		427m 3f. Brown. Type XI	1.25		430	15f. Gray. Green. Poer car	.02			
3f. Brown. Type XI	1.25		427n 3f. Brown. Type XII	1.25		430	15f. Gray. Green. Poer car	.02			
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## Right In The Middle

Our issue last week was just a few days before Christmas, while the issue for this week is a few days after Christmas and a few days before New Years. In fact, right in the middle between Christmas and New Years.



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of our employees are encouraged to do their work in such manner that the subscriber and the advertiser will be pleased with the results. We believe that in this manner we can contribute a little bit towards making it a Happy New Year for you.

There is an old saying "Charity Begins at Home". Some time ago we set up a Christmas Bonus plan for our employees. This bonus increases each year up to the fifth year that an employee is with us after which it stands at the same rate year after year. We believe this will be an incentive for our employees to serve us better and in doing that they will serve you better. That will help in making each new year a happy one for you, and when another Christmas rolls around it too should be a Merry Christmas.

So just remember that in wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year that we are thinking of you the whole year 'round.

## Visiting Firemen

You all know that the term "Visiting Firemen" is used to refer to (birds) folks of a kin when they get together at some distant rendezvous. We are already able to report that we are being looked up by friends and stamp collectors from far and near. We always have time for a chat with all and enjoy their visits. We intend also to make some visits ourselves for we have had letters inviting us here and there about the state of Florida.

One of the first letters of invitation came to us about the time we settled here. It came from a Mr. and Mrs. Remley who are regular readers of our paper and who told us that we should come directly across the end of little Lake Harris, straight across the boat basin in Howey and we would find their home, a knotty pine house on the other side.

We have made some inquiries as to how to get around there by auto but have not yet found the right road. Today I got out my binoculars and stood in the door of our living room and picked the house out clearly and brought it right up to our back fence. Now we definitely know where the Remleys live and after the first of the year we plan to get a boat when we will be able to visit with them.

Last Sunday afternoon we were visited by one of our Dayton, Ohio readers who has been a long time subscriber. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Reade who is located at one of the air bases in Dayton has been on a three week vacation trip about Florida and dropped in on us. We had a very pleasant chat and a look about the yard. While the Reads' were here we had another surprise in the person of A. H. Gamber. It has been perhaps thirty years since I first met Gamber who at that time and up until the past few years was located at Fargo, N. Dakota, I believe. Mr. Gamber's a well known Precancel enthusiast now living in DeLand, Florida. DeLand is over close to Daytona Beach. We look forward to a full afternoon session with Mr. Gamber.

## A Real Collector

Perhaps one of the best definitions for a real collector would be a collector who knows what he wants and never gives up till he gets what he wants. We could easily apply that to Dr. Harold K. Thompson of Boston, for some weeks ago we mentioned a Canadian city named "East Side of Ragged Island, Nova Scotia." Dr. Thompson wanted a cancellation from this place and when he sent his covers to the postmaster they were returned.

Then the fight began for Dr. Thompson jumped on the postmaster and also on the Canadian Post Office Department and gave them a real scrap.

Thompson finally won in some manner for now we have evidence to that effect in the form of a cover with Thompson's name in the upper left corner and addressed direct to us here at Howey-in-the-Hills. A five word town coming to a four word town.

Speaking of cancellations as we have at times has brought word of another couple cancellations which seem to be unique.

George Stugard of Cincinnati, Ohio must also like unusual cancels for he has written of two that we will mention. One is believed to be the shortest, the other the longest, in the number of letters in the name of the Post Office.

First is "TI" which is located in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. The other is "BOOKER WASHINGTON BIRTHPLACE" a 26 letter town located in Franklin County, Virginia.

Are these the longest and shortest? Cancel fans can verify this by searching the Postal Guide.

## Correcting An Error

Herman Herst writing under the heading of Dealers Clinic in the November 2 issue of Stamp Wholesaler attempts to give an idea of the circulation of the various stamp papers. For some time past we have been claiming 37,000, then 38,000, now well beyond 39,000 and a letter from our home office states that if the subscriptions continue to come as they have been coming for the past several weeks, we will pass the 40,000 mark by January 1st, 1954 or a bit thereafter.

That is a big advance over \$4,000 which Herman allows us and is, we believe close to 10,000 more than our nearest competitor. Circulation does count, if it is to the right class of collectors and the kind we have on our list are just the same as are found on any other list.

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## SMILEATELICS .... Bob Rieker



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## Forbin's Fiscal Stamp Catalogs

### Mondial "Rebde" Stempel

Many collectors have heard of the Forbin Fiscal Catalogue, which covered the revenues of the world, and while published in 1915, it is still the standard reference, and guide on issues up to that time. By using the evaluation of 5 francs equal \$1.00 (of course in many cases the stamps are underpriced, and in others overpriced) we have our guide.

Those of the fortunate few who own a copy can certainly be proud lads. There were two previous editions one in 1909, and previous to that the 1905 edition, both of these are indeed very seldom seen, even in some of the finest libraries.

Previous to the catalogues, Mr. Forbin published a bulletin devoted to fiscals, this ran from October 1904, to October 1906, it carried listings of many countries, and mentioned new issues, the title was — "Le Bulletin Fiscaliste", most appropriate.

What few of our friend fiscalists are aware of is that Mr. Forbin issued supplements to the 1915 catalogue for many countries, in the early 1930's. We have been fortunate in obtaining a number of these for our library, but, still lack several of them that we know of.

Following is the list of countries we know to have been covered by his supplements: (1) Bulgaria-1934; (2) Chile-1933; (3) Costa Rica-1935; (4) Greece-1935; (5) Belgium. (\*); (6) Danzig - 1934; (7) Peru 1933; (8) Luxembourg-1936; (9) Portugal, and Colonies-1935 (4 pp. which include Angola, Guinea, Azores, Portuguese India, Macao, Mozambique, and Timor); (10) Saar-1926 (2 pp), and (11) Spain-1932.

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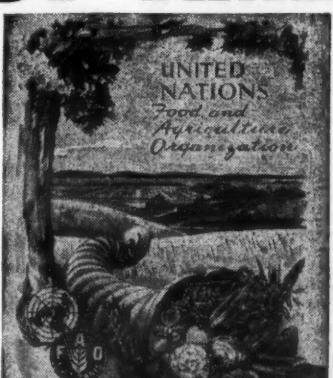
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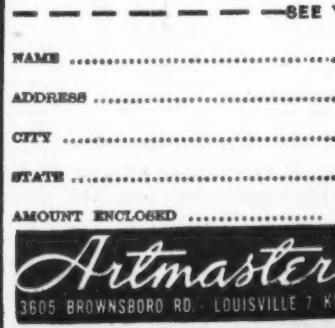
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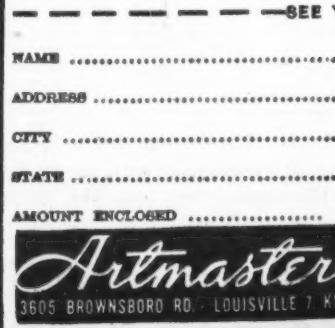
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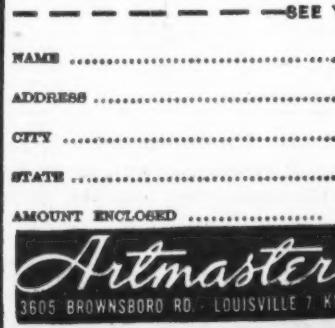
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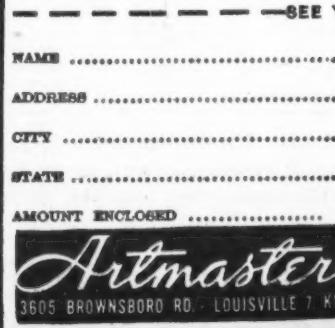
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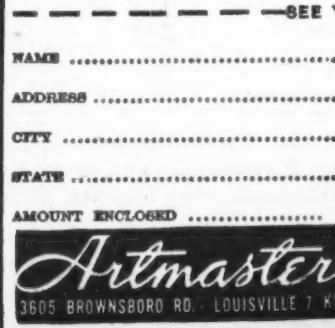
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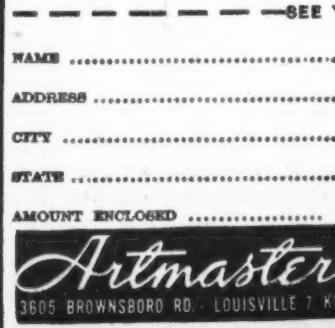
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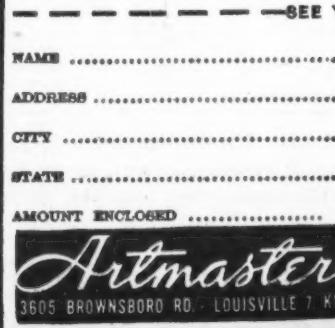
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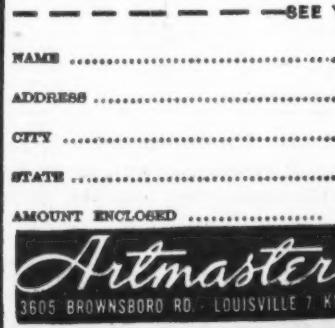
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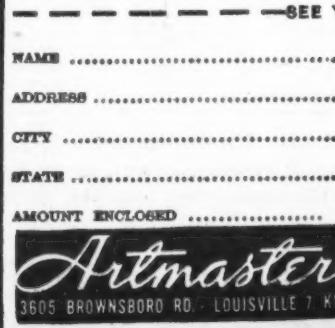
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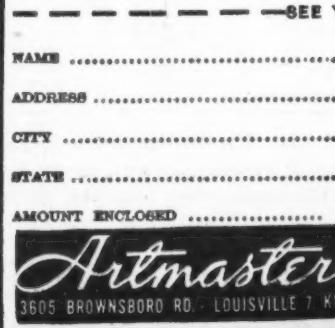
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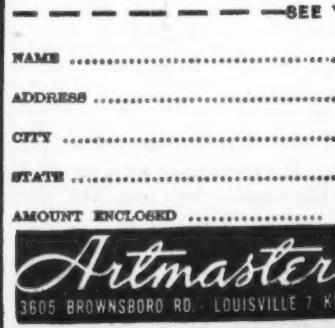
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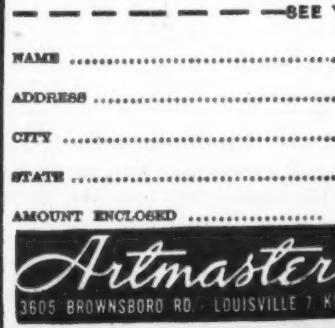
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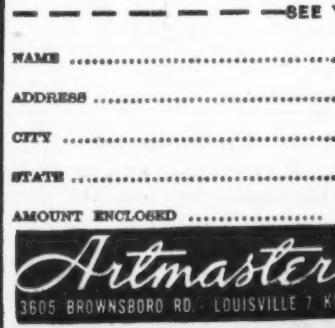
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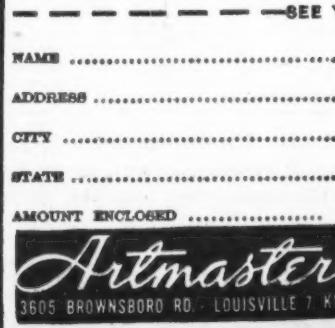
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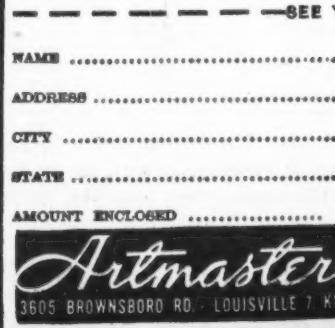
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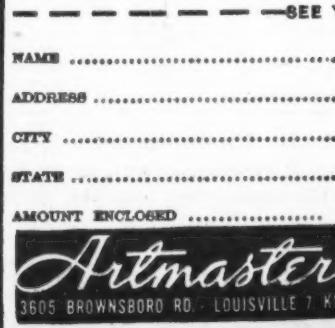
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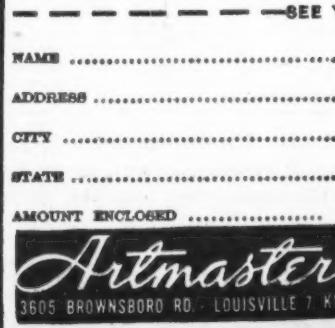
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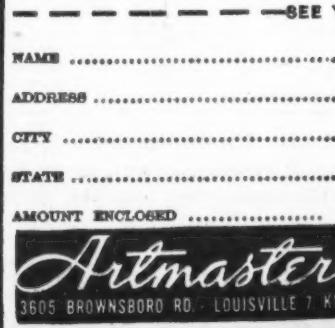
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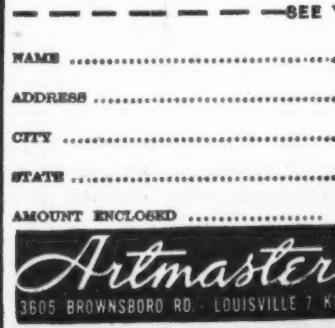
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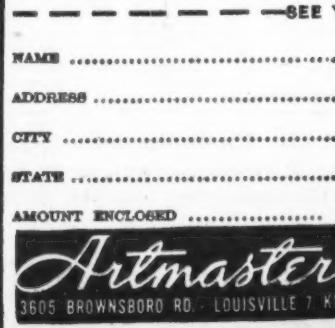
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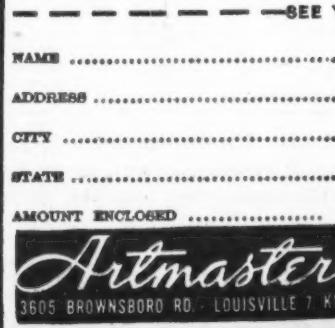
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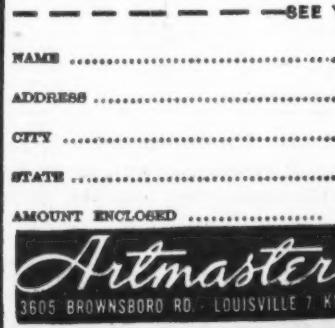
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BY CARL P. RUETH

This week our reading matter deals for the most part with revenue stamps. It has been compiled by members of the American Revenue Association.

There is no question about the relative popularities of postage and revenue issues for the postage have a tremendously larger number of followers and probably for several good reasons. The first, and in my opinion the foremost is the plentiful supply and easy access to the stickers which carry the mail.

Most collectors get started with stamps they have gotten off incoming mail or given to them by others. Revenue stamps are not that common, and plentiful as some of them are you have to put forth a little effort.

I think a person includes revenues after he has been in the hobby for a while and has become somewhat of a specialist and a dilettante. He becomes enamored with a certain country's stamps then makes with an all-out approach that includes the revenue issues, especially on original documents.

Advanced collectors of United States who do not want to branch out into foreign to maintain their philatelic interests, generally select the revenues as their sustaining field.

Another big factor in favor of the revenues is the attractiveness of their designs, and this applies not only to the U. S. but to practically all foreign. As a whole the revenues are much more attractive than the postage issues. Likewise they were required for a definite purpose and were not the result of bombastic zeal on the part of some "we want a stamp committee".

Next time you get to a stamp show of any size look for a revenue display. I think you'll agree the field is compelling.

1. In what year did the first U. S. Revenue stamps appear?  
2. The first issue of Revenues ranged between what denominations?

In the December 14 edition I mentioned the air letters of Robert Liikala of Perry, Ohio which had the overlay running in opposite directions from each other. He wanted to know whether one was more scarce than the other, or whether this was common, or whether there were other combinations.

A very timely assist has been sent by L. B. Gatchell, editor of the American Airmail Society publications. Information about such items is carried in the American Air Mail Catalogue of Air Letter Sheets, a Society publication.

Since we have one here at the office I should have thought of looking in it right off, but didn't. It was probably the day I have liverwurst, lemon meringue pie and root beer for dinner.

The catalogue has the following to say about the air letters:

"... THE LEGEND UNITED STATES FOREIGN AIR MAIL found in the overlay may be vertical or horizontal depending on how the sheets have been cut. The lines may be vertical on one side and horizontal on the reverse or they may read up or down, or from left to right or right to left, or may occur in combinations of any two on front or back — a total of eight possible combinations."

Mr. Gatchell further comments that "all are equally common". And, "I assume that Mr. Liikala is talking about the current sheet. If he has the earlier one the lines come in four possible combinations."

This Air Letter Sheet Catalog has been reviewed in Linn's some months ago. However to refresh your memories it deals with air letters, prisoner of war and military air letter cards of all the world's countries which have issued them.

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My sincere appreciation and thanks to you who so thoughtfully sent Christmas and New Years greetings. They did just what you wanted them to — brightened up the year end considerably — and I hope your holidays were just as splendid.

In the past two weeks six exhibition chairmen in separate sections of the nation have asked about philatelic agencies and auctions in connection with their stamp shows. So it seems to be about time to extend my long white neck and state a personal opinion about the stickers which carry the mail.

No doubt about it, temporary philatelic agencies on the premises of an exhibition having twenty to thirty different kinds of commems in full sheets for sale at face, drain off a lot of purchasing power. Such money would, in the long run, be better spent by individuals if they bought items missing from their albums than to lay in blocks and sheets of stamps mostly with the intention of making money at some rosy future time.

Philatelic Agency money should be spent with the dealers who have rented bourse space, and who thereby generally defray the lease cost of the exhibition room. These merchants are entitled to all the break you can give them, and you don't do that with a philatelic agency.

Likewise, it isn't fair to these dealers if you invite an auction firm in to stage a sale thereby taking people away from the bourse. Usually the auction house pays nothing for this privilege. If the auctioneer pays, then he is entitled to his few hours.

Most of the auctions so staged are a laugh. I have in mind one in connection with an exhibition I attended west of the Mississippi River in the past several months. The material offered was nice enough, but the auctioneer had a starting bid tacked on which was more than you could buy it at the better dealers handling United States.

As a guess, I would say that he carted half the stuff back to his office unsold. Of course, he will have it out again at his next go at the public — and perhaps back in his vaults again if he doesn't get his price.

I think it is about time that the ASDA, APS, and SPA have a crack at this type retailing and originate a name for it — maybe the Federal Trade Commission too, if it is within their province.

It is not auctioning by any stretch of the imagination. I'd call it vocal retailing, and the person who goes through the motions of an auctioneer, a puffer.

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### How To Repair Tax Paid Stamps

In accordance with the Revenue Act the Commodity ("tax paid") stamps are affixed in such a manner that they will be destroyed when the container is opened. Consequently many tax paid stamps are seldom to be held except when they are torn in half. Most collectors feel it is better to have a nicely repaired specimen than none at all.

Remove the halves and after washing, flatten them out carefully. They can easily be joined by means of stamp hinges on reverse. The use of ordinary transparent tape is inadvisable, as it has a tendency to curl.

A still better repair job can be done with a narrow strip of stamp paper cut from another stamp, affixed across the tear with Cico paste. Be careful not to let this strip extend too far at top and bottom because, unless the stamp is imperforate, it will be difficult to do a trimming job. Where a corner of the stamp is missing it can be readily supplied from another stamp in the manner outlined above. After paste has thoroughly dried, if desired, the edge or edges of the piece used in repairing can be smoothed down with a small piece of fine sandpaper.

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**Canadian "State" Revenue Stamps**

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Our northern good neighbor, Canada, has stamps which correspond to our U.S. State Issued revenue stamps, however they have been issued by a few provinces as opposed to the many states which we have.

Your writer has done a lot of writing and research on our state issues but, to date has never written a word about the corresponding issues of Canada.

Compared to the number of "state" issued stamps of the U.S., Canada has issued only a few—with only one Canadian province having issued very many different groups of stamps. This province, Quebec, has released a total of nine while many of our states have issued that amount or more. In fact three states, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, have issued stamps for collecting taxes in eleven different categories. The types of stamp taxes in Canada, however, are quite different and only three groups coincide with the issues of our states. They are: Liquor, Documentary and Stock Transfer.

It seems strange that only Quebec should issue liquor tax stamps while at least forty three of our states have used liquor stamps of some kind. Quebec's 1934-1939 liquor tax was for "Unemployment Relief" and contained no wording to indicate that the three stamps issued were to be used on liquor. (An earlier issue of nine stamps for "Prohibition" in 1919 did contain the word "Liquor".)

Two of the provinces issued Stock Transfer stamps, Quebec and Ontario, as opposed to five of our states, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, Pennsylvania and Texas.

Other issues of Quebec are "Assurance License" (1876-78) "License" (1889-1912), "Registration" (1871-1918) and "Law" stamps which were also issued by Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Saskatchewan. Stamps similar to the "Law" stamps were issued in the Yukon in 1903, however they were called "Court" stamps.

The "Law" stamps by far cover the greater part of the stamps issued by Canada's provinces. Most collectors who dabble in "Revenues" have seen some of the many forerunning varieties of overprinting Federal issues for use in Upper Canada (Ontario) and Lower Canada (Quebec). The Federal issues came into use in Upper and

Lower Canada in 1864 and the provincial issues superseded them in 1870 (Ontario) and 1871 (Quebec). Ontario ceased use in 1937 and Quebec in 1924.

The latest record we have of the use of Canadian Provincial stamps is 1939 in which year "Unemployment" stamps of Quebec were discontinued. Other stamps which seem to be the last of the provincial issues are New Brunswick, "Probate" (1899-1937) Ontario "Stock Transfer" (1910-1937), Saskatchewan "Law" (1907-1938), British Columbia "Meal Ticket" (1933) and Quebec Stock Transfer (1907-1932). All the rest of the provinces' stamp taxes were apparently discontinued in 1930 or earlier.

British Columbia's unique 3c, 4c, 5c, 10c and \$1 "Meal Ticket" stamps are inscribed "Hospitals Aid" and were all destroyed in the fourth month of issue when declared unlawful.

The only other types of provincial revenue stamps which haven't been mentioned are the Gasoline and Luxury Tax stamps of On-

tario. (Ontario is second only to Quebec in the number of types of stamp taxes it has, although it has only four types, half as many as Quebec.)

Nearly all of the "Law" stamps picture a version of "Justice" holding up her scales, or the scales only, however the "Court" stamps of Dawson (Mining Court) are an exception as they picture a grizzled prospector. Does anyone know of another stamp with a prospector as its subject?

Many of the rest of the stamps have only wording and a value, while some picture a coat of arms. Quebec's Registration stamp is the second big exception with the picture of a beaver. The third exception is the "Law" stamps of Cape Breton (Nova Scotia) which picture what are evidently mine buildings of some type.

For those who care to delve into the minor varieties in these stamps there is a wealth of variation in printing, paper, shades and so-forth. In fact the Canadian Revenue Society has worked out amazingly thorough lists of the many, many varieties of these stamps in great detail.

Catalogs of these stamps are available from several sources. If you can't locate one drop a line to the American Revenue Association, 5540 N. Glenwood Ave. Chicago 40, Ill. and they will be glad to help you.

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BAHAMAS. The 1948 Eleutherian issue No. 132-147 is scarcer than the catalogue price would indicate. Scott's price is \$20.79. Gibbons \$17.50 and Commonwealth \$14.80. The current retail price is around \$16.00. This set may be one of the really scarce sets of the future.

GIBRALTAR. The six pence postage stamp No. 129 exists with a double overprint. The 1954 Commonwealth Catalogue prices this variety at 25 Pounds. Check your copy.

MAURITIUS. The 1949 set of George VI should not be overlooked, as the release of the new Elizabeth stamps will make this set obsolete. The best value is the 10 Rupees which is not too plentiful now.

Seven values of the Elizabeth series have been released and when the new 10 Rupees stamp of Elizabeth is issued, we can expect much higher prices for the George VI stamp.

CANADA The 1938 Special Delivery stamp No. E8 is rather difficult to obtain either mint or used. Considering that only 200,000 were issued, it appears that the present catalogue price of \$1.00 is too low. The retail price is now from 75c up and is a good buy now.

JAMAICA. Watch the U. P. U. set of Jamaica, which is given as the week's "Good Find" by Fyndem in Stamp Collecting (London).

AFRICAN FEDERATION. Stamp Collecting (London) states that the new African Federation stamps will be released on July 1, 1954. These will replace the current Elizabeth stamps of Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland. These three sets will have a short life of about 9 to 10 months and will be the first of the Elizabeth stamps to become obsolete.

While there is plenty of time to next July 1, the current sets should be obtained while still available at new issue prices. Do not wait until they become obsolete and prices advance.

GREAT BRITAIN. Some of the George VI stamps of Great Britain were sold and used in Morocco without the usual surcharge or overprint, from 1937, and now for the first time are priced used by the 1954 Commonwealth Catalogue. It is worth mentioning that surcharged stamps for the Morocco Agencies are available for postage in Great Britain. Then WHY the issuance of these surcharged stamps???

PAPUA. The 1939-41 airmail set C 10-15 is elusive and hard to locate. Especially the 1/6 issued in 1941. The price of this stamp in Scott's Catalogue is \$5.00 which may be too high, as Gibbons price is 20/- (\$2.80) and Commonwealth Catalogue price is 18/6 (\$2.72).

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The official backstamp which was arranged by the Post Office Department brings added interest to these covers in that it shows the departure time from terminal and the arrival time at destination as well as the elapsed time between the two points.

The American Air Mail Society has a limited number of covers in sets of three. A set, one each from New York post office, New York Air Mail Field, and Los Angeles Air Mail Field will be mailed post free for 50c or a single cover from the Los Angeles Air Mail Field will be supplied post free for 25c. Write to L. B. Gatchell, 6 The Fairway, Upper Montclair, N. J.

Advocate End Of  
Commodity Stamp

A House Ways and Means Committee was recently informed that our present stamp taxes are "horse and buggy red tape" by Robert L. Boyd, vice president of the Bloch Brothers Tobacco Co. Mr. Bloch says that the stamps on tobacco etc. should be completely eliminated to save the government and private industry untold millions annually in the cost of administering the taxes. He states further that there would be no more loss of revenues than under the current stamp system.

Many of our states are already using stampless systems in favor of former stamp systems of collecting their revenues. What has proved itself with them should do likewise with the Federal government.

From all appearances the government will discontinue many types of commodity stamps when the House committee finishes its investigations and submits its plan for complete revision of our present tax laws.

This will mean the end of many of our groups of so-called "Tax-paids", so collectors will have a much easier job in keeping up with them and will be able to devote more time to completing collections and catalogs of what has already been issued.

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Doings

Dealers who will apply for it on their business stationery can get a copy of the Bargain 1954 Wholesale Price List of Martin Sellinger, 116 Nassau St., New York 38, N.Y. Offerings start with Abyssinia and end at Yemen, and are for mint and used sets and singles. Also available are packets of various countries and Job Lots of different kinds.

Raoul Lesgor, Holmes, N.Y. has his Price List of France singles and sets from 1849 to 1953 now ready for interested collectors. Orders from his full page advertisement this edition will have a copy enclosed with their sending. Listings are for mint and used, some varieties are pictured, and there are percancel stamps of France for such fans.

Like his general collecting brother, the topical collector wants to start his album on a certain theme with as large a representation of the subject as possible. Max Kaplan, Box 1155, Hollis 23, N.Y. has an ad this issue offering topical packets of various kinds and sizes. His Discount Price List on packets and collections is sent for 10c.

Linn's readers cleaned the shelves of Coronation and BWI University sets of the Bombay Philatelic Co., 65 Nassau St., New York 38, N.Y. when they were offered recently. Replacement stocks of these items came at a higher wholesale price which made it necessary to up the retail. The prices at which these are now sold are printed in the December 28 paper.

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dealer, for the stamps in it most likely would be too common to interest him. It would take more of his time than they would be worth, unless sold as a packet. Sell or exchange with some individual collector or advertise them in a small classified advertisement in one of the stamp papers. Make the price about a cent per stamp at first and reduce it if the stamps don't sell as fast as you wish.

In marketing a large, worthwhile collection of revenues it is well to steer clear of the indifferent, or even hostile, dealers in postage stamps exclusively. They usually know little and care less about revenues and are totally unfitted to handle them. Keep out of auctions, as the secret of marketing these stamps is to sell them to people who are known to like them and want them not to those who may or may not want them.

A revenue collection should be offered only to revenue dealers or revenue collectors, to those who are known to be interested in this branch of collecting, who know the revenue market, and are able to appraise the value of such stamps. Advertisements in the stamp papers will reach interested parties.

A really large and valuable revenue collection could well be advertised with the stamps of each country or group of countries offered as separate units to accommodate postage specialists who may want only the revenues of the particular countries they specialize in.

In closing, here are some concrete cases of offerings of foreign revenue collections which will afford the reader some insight into valuations and provide material for comparisons with the marketing of postage stamps.

(1) In downtown Chicago a dealer offered a collection of 5000 different foreign revenues for \$50, a sure-enough bargain, snapped up quickly. Other would-be buyers when they heard of it came too late.

(2) Near 14,000 different foreign revenues, in a collection, plus 40,000 duplicates, 2100 different foreign postage and 2500 different United States precancels was offered for \$785.

(3) An important fiscalist started to mount up a collection of 50,000 to 60,000 different revenues from his large stock of duplicates and announced that he expected to sell it for \$3000 to \$4000 when completed. The task proved to be too onerous for him, though, and he gave it up.

(4) 20,000 different revenues of Italy, Austria, British Empire and Germany (including early and related states and colonies) were offered at \$600.

(5) A collection of 26,000 revenues of the World, before 1915, was offered from Belgium for \$800 at first and later the price was raised to \$1000.

(6) 9000 different revenues up to 1914 in 21 volumes was offered for \$400.

(7) A collection of 22,000 revenue varieties was offered in 1920 from Vienna for 13,000 francs (at that time a little over \$1000). An offer of 10,000 francs had previously been received from Paris.

There's your information on revenues as I see it. Hope it helps you in some way in your revenue endeavors and adventures! Good luck anyway!

SPANISH  
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There are many instances of the stamped paper having been revaluated for years following by an overprint, probably placed there by the Collector of Internal Revenue of Spain or the Colonial Possession.

The collection contains 14 documents and pieces from the 17th Century. The earliest document bears the stamp used in 1640-42 as well as another stamp bearing, as I recall it, the years 1644-45. This collection is at present in the hands of the Spanish Translator for the Carnegie Museum who is very kindly translating the documents for the writer.

The stamped paper material in which the writer is primarily interested is that used during the period from about 1850 up to about 1902. Here we have a wide variety of denominations and colors of impressions. Some were issued for each year and others were issued for a two year period of use.

Material is not costly and is fairly plentiful; however, the only manner in which the colonial material can be segregated and listed is by the inspection of actual documents used in the various colonies. It is for this reason that this article has been written.

Can any of the readers either supply any of this Papel Sellado material or submit any of it for my inspection and listing? Permanent acquisition would be much preferred. However, whether it is sub-

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BERMUDA — Two stamps of the current definitive issue were overprinted locally marking the three power talks in Bermuda. The overprint reads "Three Power Talks December 1953", on the 3 pence and 1 shilling 3d value. The stamps are to remain on sale until December 31, unless sold out sooner.

BELGIUM — On December 15 the Belgium Government placed on sale eight values comprising their annual "Antitubercular" set. The first values feature an allegory relating to the fight against tuberculosis (Lorraine Cross crushing a monster representing evil). These are 20c plus 5c; 80c plus 20c; 1.20c plus 30c; 1.50c plus 50c.

The last four values picture European scientists of the last century who distinguished themselves in the fight against tuberculosis. Values and subjects of these are 2fr. plus 75c E. Malvoz (Belgian); 3fr. plus 1.50fr. C. Forlanini (Italian); 4fr plus 2fr A. Calmette (French) and 8fr plus 4fr R. Koch (German). The series will remain on sale until February 15 and will be valid for postage until September 30, 1954.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA — Two new sets have been released, according to Artia. One marks the 70th anniversary of the National Theatre in Prague. The 30th features Ema Destinnova (75th anniversary of her birth) famous Czech opera singer; 60th National Theatre, and 2kcs., Eduard Vojan, (100th anniversary of his birth) outstanding Czech actor.

The second set, issued November 7, marks the month of Czechoslovak-Soviet Friendship. The 30th pictures Hradcany Castle and the Kremlin; the 60th pictures Lomonosov University in Moscow and the 1.20 Kcs. shows the V. I. Lenin ship canal.

DENMARK — A ferry stamp has been produced by overprinting "Postfaerje" on the 10 ore green waveline type postage stamp, according to the Danish Postal Philatelic Agency.

EGYPT — On November 23 a 10 mil blue stamp, with a symbolic design, was issued commemorating the Electronic Exposition held in Cairo.

GREAT BRITAIN — The Post-

master General has announced that the 3, 6 and 7 pence Elizabeth II stamps, part of the regular issue, will be placed on sale on January 18.

JUGOSLAVIA — According to the Director of the Division of Postal Exploitation, two Red Cross stamps were released October 25 showing a nurse giving plasma to a patient. One stamp merely has the value "2" and the other bears "2 Porto (tax)."

## Start A State Stamp Collection

E. A. Hubbard

Your state has most likely been issuing stamps for years which should be among the stamps included in your collection.

It would seem only natural that every stamp collector would find such tax stamps interesting to him. These stamps not only often show the Great Seal of his State, but they also represent little footnotes on the financial history. They represent monies paid into the State's coffers to administer the very laws which govern him.

Of course the primary government we are all concerned with is our Federal one, but second in importance is our State. Therefore it follows that those who collect the federal issues should find it only natural to add a showing of their State's stamps, if only in a representative manner.

Why not start a collection, either (1) the state in which you reside, or (2) the state of your birth, or (3) any state or states which have a special appeal to you. Also you can just collect certain types of stamps such as all Documentary, all Liquor, all Tobaccos, all Hunting or just stamps for use on unusual items.

One thing that will soon become evident to you when you begin collecting, is that these state stamps are not all easy to get, no matter what your financial means are. Many expensive ones may come to you easily—for a song—but you will find inexpensive ones which will elude you quite often. If you really search for the stamps from every possible source you will be rewarded, however.

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He served in the Black Hawk war of 1832, pacifying the nullifiers in South Carolina—participated in the Seminole and Creek campaigns 1835-1837, completing treaties of peace with numerous Indian tribes — went on duty at the Canadian border 1838 preventing boundary conflicts. He was appointed as Commander in Chief of the U. S. Army in 1841.

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To solve the problem, the ATA has enlarged the Topical Information Board to 45 members. They'll handle inquiries on more than 70 topical subjects, ranging from Americana to Zoology. More members will be added to this board to handle additional topical subjects as demand warrants. Information on the ATA can be secured by sending a stamped, addressed envelope to F. N. Catt, ATA Membership Director, 4541 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, Ill.

## Jimmy Didn't Like All The Attention

One Pound Jimmy, the Australian aborigine whose face appears on a postage stamp of that nation, shaved off his beard to avoid recognition by autograph hunters.

He was the subject of quite some international attention from the newspapers when at the request of an American collector he autographed stamps bearing his picture with his thumb-print. Jimmy can't write.

In the Scott Catalog Jimmy appears on stamps No. 227 of 1950 and 248 of 1952.

REVENUE STAMP ILLUSTRATIONS are confined to (1) an enlarged section of the border or center; (2) stamps pictured as part of a document; according to the Treasury and Internal Revenue Departments, however, occasional deviations in the philatelic press and elsewhere go practically unheeded. We have seen several cases where revenue stamps have been illustrated in accordance with the laws governing postage stamp illustrations and nothing was ever said about it.

REVENUES FROM 1914 to date are still usable on Documents, but only those of the past four years may be redeemed by the Treasury Department.

IT'S A SHAME that our Federal Government destroyed our Stock Transfer stamps when they became obsolete this year. They could have been press-cancelled and sold to collectors in sets in order to please them and bolster our sadly depleted Treasury! Other obsolete Federal stamps were sold to collectors (Newspaper 1899 and Potato Tax 1936) so why not those? It's been done before, so why not some more????

SERIES CODES on Tobacco and other "Taxpaid" stamps, denotes the year of issue by adding 1830 to the series number. The stamps with the series overprinted on outdated series are interesting, especially the nearly 100 varieties recently overprinted "Series 121" and "Series 122". In some few cases both series numbers were overprinted on the same stamps.

SCOTT'S PRICING of the Wine and Playing Card stamps in the last few years marks a big gain in their popularity as collectors are now adding them to their collections. What would happen if "Scott's" were allowed to picture them and all the other Revenues which they list? We predict that popularity would soar, as a picture is worth a thousand words!

THE FIRST REVENUE STAMPS, that is, perforated and adhesive, were issued in October of 1833 by Great Britain: 1 penny "Draft" and "Receipt" stamps. Many "seals" were issued previously and the first imperforate adhesive revenue stamps were issued by Spain in 1852. These were inscribed "Sellos" and were very large and quite unlike "stamps" as we know them today.

1917 U.S. POSTAL TAX was paid with Documentary stamps on small packages at 1c for each 25c of postage. This accounts for the 1917 Documentaries you may see with postal cancellations.

M&M PRICES generally run  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of catalog price, but fine copies bring up to full catalog value. To understand this, just think of the hard usage the majority of stamps had when they were used to seal the corks on the bottles of proprietary medicines. Yes, they are hard to get in fine condition!

POTATO TAX EXEMPT stamps were issued for only one month beginning December 6, 1935 as follows: (Values in pounds) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50, 100, 150, and 165 pounds. Only four of these values are known to have survived in collectors hands — 2, 5, 10 and 50!

AMG REVENUES known are: 1947-\$1, \$2; 1948-\$1, \$2, \$4; same overprinted "DM"-\$1 (5DM), \$2 (10DM); 1950-5DM, 10DM, 15DM and a "Gratis" stamp. Also an AMG postage stamp was overprinted "Military Permit Official Fiscal" stamp \$1".

Tournament Of Roses Cachet Offered

On January 1, a souvenir cachet will be issued in honor of the 65th annual Tournament of Roses, nationally famous floral parade, by the Pasadena post office and the Tournament of Roses Association, New Year's Day.

6 $\frac{1}{2}$  size covers, stamped with 3c postage and self-addressed, should be sent to "The Postmaster, Pasadena, Calif." before the deadline date, December 30. Leave three inches space at left side of cover for the cachet.

## First Day Cover Is One Month Early

Joseph F. Barron of Pittsburgh, Pa. has a unique cover which evidently came into being as the result of a postal clerk's error. It bears the new British 4d, 1/3 and 1/6 regular postage stamps which were released November 2.

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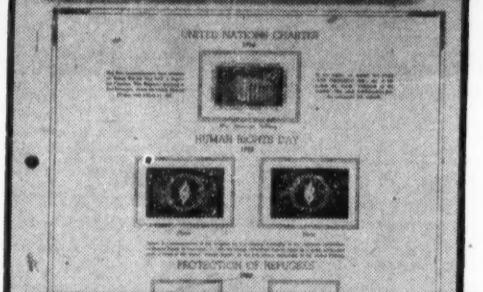
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